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To: Sumas Energy 2

In response to your EIS statement that the addition of power poles would increase the property values to the residents on Halverstick Road, the three realtors I spoke with, Century 21-Lynden, Snapper, Shuler, Kenner-Lynden and Coldwell Banker on Meridian, informed me that just the opposite occurs. Property values will definitely not increase and could decrease by as much as 15% or more. In most cases, it takes additional time and effort to sell properties containing power poles. Potential buyers are frightened off by the presence of power poles, citing health problems, noise, aesthetically displeasing and fear of storm damage & downed wires.

As a possible mitigating factor, we offer this suggestion. Instead of just taking and expecting us to accept all the negatives you offer, give us something in return. Something that may add to our home values and sweeten the pot in case we have to sell. Our electric bills have averaged around \$700.00 a year for this property. Why not offer us free power? In the context of profit dollars your company will generate, \$700.00 a year is miniscule. If it turns out that we can't stay living here because of the pollutants you generate or the noise levels, (which, at 2 miles away are already intolerable) give us something to offer potential buyers. It may make the difference between selling and not, or at least gives them something to think about.

Is that too much to ask?

Sincerely,

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